

Group 4: Claims 23-24;
Group 5: Claim 25;
Group 6: Claim 26;
Group 7: Claims 27-43;
Group 8: Claims 44-45; and
Group 9: Claims 46-57.

In response to the election/restrictions requirement, Applicant elects to proceed with the examination of Group 1 (claims 1-8). Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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